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SUBJ: AWACS FOR IRAN

1. AT ANNUAL RECEPTION APRIL 25 FOR DIPLOMATIC CHIEFS OF MISSION I WAS DRAWN ASIDE FOR A PRIVATE CONVERSATION WITH THE SHAH, DURING COURSE OF WHICH HE INFORMED ME OF HIS PLEASURE THAT THE PRESIDENT HAD APPROVED IRAN'S REQUEST FOR AWACS AIRCRAFT. I TOLD HIM I WAS UNINFORMED ON THIS AND ASKED HOW HE HAD HEARD OF THE DECISION. HE REPLIED THAT IT WAS NOT OFFICIAL BUT THAT "WE RECEIVED A TELEPHONE TIP FROM THE PENTAGON". WHEN I REITERATED THAT I HAD NO SUCH INFORMATION HE SAID, " IT MUST BE TRUE. THEY WOULD NOT JOKE ABOUT SUCH A MATTER."

2. ASSUME DEPARTMENT WOULD AGREE, WHETHER INFORMATION IS ACCURATE OR NOT, THIS IS LESS THAN IDEAL MEANS OF COMMUNICATION ON MATTER OF MAJOR INTEREST TO THE SHAH AND US/IRANIAN RELATIONS. WOULD APPRECIATE SOONEST CLARIFICATION AND, IF TRUE, INSTRUCTIONS AS TO HOW THIS MATTER MAY BE CONVEYED TO THE SHAH IN MORE ORDERLY OFFICIAL MANNER. IF IT IS NOT TRUE, WE OBVIOUSLY HAVE A SERIOUS MISUNDERSTANDING WHICH NEEDS PROMPT CORRECTION.

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